

30208 to 30210—Continued.**30209. ERAGROSTIS HYPNOIDES** (Lam.) B. S. P.

"This is known as 'barba de bode' (goat's beard). The habitat of this *Eragrostis* is similar to that of the other grass (S. P. I. No. 30208); it is, however, considered more nutritive and more savory than the latter."

30210. MIMOSA sp. (?)

"'Juquiry,' a legume that is considered both very fattening and sustaining; it is a weed, and for this reason should be watched."

30211 to 30214.

From Piracicaba, Brazil. Presented by Prof. Clinton D. Smith, Escola Agricola Pratica, "Luiz de Queiros." Received March 23, 1911.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Prof. Smith:

30211. MANGIFERA INDICA L.**Mango.**

"Seeds from a choice variety grown on the fazenda of Señor Grossi of Arraraquara, in this State. I have never eaten other mangos which approach them in excellence of flavor and absence of the turpentine odor and flavor."

30212. ANACARDIUM OCCIDENTALE L.**Cashew.**

"From the fruit of this they make a delightful drink called 'cajuada.'"

30213. ANNONA SQUAMOSA L.**Custard apple.**

"Seed from the best selected variety I could find."

30214. ANNONA SQUAMOSA L.**Custard apple.**

"'Áta,' a fruit that takes fully a year to mature."

30215. THAUMATOCOCCLUS DANIELLI (Bennett) Benth.

From Aburi, Gold Coast, West Africa. Presented by Mr. A. R. Gould, curator, Botanic Gardens, through Mr. W. T. D. Tudhope, Director of Agriculture. Received March 24, 1911.

"Said to be a very common plant on the Ivory Coast in virgin forests and on the sites of old plantations established in the forests. It is in certain places said to be characteristic of the clearings and underbrush of the forests. The white part of the arillus is extremely sweet, with a taste of licorice or saccharine. The gelatin (or mucilage) which surrounds the seed swells up in water and forms a great mass of gelatin, with the black seed in the middle, which gives it the appearance of frog eggs. The plant has the following native names: Bobo abi (Negau); Bobruidja, Bogridja (Bete d'Issia); Urugua meremne (Bakoura)." (*Extract from the Journal de Botanique.*)

"No use is made of the seeds in this colony, but the leaves are extensively used in packing fresh kola nuts to prevent them from drying." (*Tudhope.*)

Distribution.—The countries along the west coast of Africa from Sierra Leone and Liberia through Guinea to the region around the mouth of the Niger River.

30216. PITTOSPORUM MAYI Hort.

From Castlewellan, County Down, Ireland. Presented by Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, head gardener for Earl Annesley. Received March 24, 1911.

"This variety has proven quite hardy. I have planted about 300 yards of a hedge of it, grown from seed saved from the Castlewellan plants, on an estate near the sea-coast; they are now about 4 feet high and make a fine ornamental hedge. The only trouble with all the *Pittosporums* is transplanting. We find it safest to grow them in pots plunged in the open ground till they are finally placed out; this of course applies only to young stock. The variety *mayi* grows freely and quickly from seed and is a good stock to work other sorts on if necessary." (*Ryan.*)